

But, we must always remember that so much more must be done. I have been horrified by the reports from Florida about voter disenfranchisement. From poor staffing, inadequate explanations of voting procedures, to outright voter intimidation, these issues must be addressed. To truly move into the 21st century, we must end the practices of the 19th century.

We must also end, once and for all, the despicable practice of racial profiling. The process of singling out people who "may"—and I underline and emphasize may—be engaged in criminal activity solely because of race is infuriating. There is just no logic behind it—but instead there is hate and discrimination. I was pleased to learn of President Bush's move to end racial profiling. I plan to hold him and his administration to this commitment.

I represent the great state of New York and a district rich in history. From early politicians to famous athletes, African-Americans in the Bronx have been pioneers in many different fields. From scientists, to members of the clergy, to entertainers, more and more African-Americans are represented in leadership positions in our society.

I am always inspired by the community spirit and leadership I witness from African-Americans in the 17th Congressional District of New York. It is my hope that as we celebrate Black History Month in the future, we will be able to celebrate the many more achievements of African-Americans.

IN MEMORY OF THE HONORABLE
LYNN M. EWING, JR.

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 28, 2001

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, it is with sadness that I inform the House of Representatives of the passing of my good friend The Honorable Lynn M. Ewing Jr. of Nevada, Missouri. He was 70.

Lynn, a son of the late Lynn M. Ewing Sr. and Margaret Blair Ewing Coffey, was born in Nevada, Missouri, on November 14, 1930. After graduating from Nevada High School in 1948, Lynn attended Princeton University. He received an AB in 1952 and a Juris Doctor degree in 1954 from the University of Missouri-Columbia, graduating second in his law school class. Mr. Ewing was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Nu fraternity and Order of the Coif.

He entered the United States Air Force and served as an attorney in the Judge Advocate General Corps until returning to Nevada in 1956 and joining the law firm Ewing, Ewing, Carter and Wight. He continued to practice law with the Ewing law firm until his death.

Lynn was involved with the Farm and Home Savings Association for 24 years, serving as general counsel, board member and president. He was a life member of the American Bar

Association, a member of the Missouri Bar Association and the Vernon County Bar Association, and a fellow of the American College of Mortgage Attorneys. He served on the Missouri Bar Disciplinary Committee. He was admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court in 1961. He was elected to the Missouri House of Representatives in 1959 and served three terms representing the citizens of Vernon and Barton counties.

Lynn formerly served as chairman of the Vernon County Democratic Central Committee. He was elected to the Nevada City Council in 1967 and served the city for six years, including two terms as mayor. He served on the board of directors of the Nevada Regional Medical Center, the Nevada Library Board, the Nevada Chamber of Commerce, the Nevada Planning commission and the Nevada Economic Development Corporation. He also served as a board member of Citizens State Bank, Nevada, Missouri. He was a member of the Nevada Rotary Club and was named citizen of the year in 1975. He received the Paul Harris Fellow Award from the Rotary.

Lynn was a member of the All Saints Episcopal Church and served the church as a vestry member, senior warden and lector. Mr. Ewing was appointed by Governor Warren Hearn to serve on the Missouri Land Reclamation Commission and by Governor Mel Carnahan to serve on the Coordinating Board for Higher Education, where he served as chairperson. He was a member of the Missouri Academy of Squires. He was a member of the Missouri Savings and Loan Association and the U.S. League of Saving and Loan Associations. He received a Faculty Alumni Award from the University of Missouri. He served on the Missouri Law School Foundation board of directors and was a member of the University of Missouri-Columbia Jefferson Club. He was a charter member of the University of Missouri-Columbia Law Society and Mosaic Society.

Mr. Speaker, Lynn Ewing Jr. will be missed by all who knew him. I know the Members of the House will join me in extending heartfelt condolences to his family: his wife, Peggy; his brother, Blair; his two daughters, Margrace Buckler and Melissa Arnold; his son, Lynn M. Ewing III—and his grandchildren.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF BEN
BARKIN

HON. THOMAS M. BARRETT

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 28, 2001

Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to share my admiration for my longtime friend and constituent, Mr. Ben Barkin, who passed away recently at the age of 85.

Ben Barkin is fondly remembered as the father of Milwaukee's Great Circus Parade. The parade features circus wagons from the Circus

World Museum in Baraboo, Wisconsin, some more than one hundred years old. It celebrates America's history of the circus by recreating old-fashioned circus parades in an authentic manner, along a three-mile route through downtown Milwaukee.

In 1963, Ben Barkin and Charles "Chappie" Fox organized Milwaukee's first Great Circus Parade. Ben convinced the Joseph Schlitz Brewing Company to be the parade's exclusive sponsor. In 1973, Schlitz was no longer able to sponsor the parade, and the parade shut down for twelve years, but in 1985, Ben was able to bring it back. The Great Circus Parade was made an annual event the following year, after Ben raised more than \$900,000. Mr. Barkin retired as the chairman of the Great Circus Parade in 1995, but he remained its guiding light. His greatest accomplishment was promotion of the parade at a national level, and securing funding to keep the parade free to the public.

The Great Circus Parade now brings in hundreds of thousands of visitors from all over the United States. It is also shown on 200 public television stations nationwide and worldwide on the U.S. Information Agency's Worldnet System and the Armed Forces Television Network.

A Milwaukee Journal Sentinel article describing the 2000 Great Circus Parade captured the parade's magic for children of all ages. Seven-year-old Terry Parks told the newspaper, "I got to see a real lion, not something on TV." Sixty-two-year-old Richard Czaja said, "I love the horses, and the wagons were unbelievable the way they restored them and kept them up." Circus Parade fans come to Milwaukee and camp out every year near the city's lakefront. The resulting tent city is affectionately known as Barkinville, and each year Mr. Barkin would go down and meet the people camping out for the parade.

Throughout his life, Ben focused his endless energy to other things other than the Great Circus Parade. During World War II, Ben volunteered with the U.S. Treasury to sell war bonds, and he helped make Milwaukee the standard for war bond fund raising. He was invited to Washington to present the model that was soon adopted by the rest of the country. After the war he founded the nationally recognized public relations firm of Barkin, Herman, Solocheck, and Paulsen. In 1970, he was named as the "best publicist in the country" by 100 of the nation's largest newspapers. That same year he helped Bud Selig bring the Brewers to Milwaukee.

Ben Barkin was an advocate for civil rights by looking past religious and racial differences. He was the chairman of the B'nai B'rith Youth Commission, and spoke out advocating better race relations. He also supported religious causes, whether they were Catholic, Jewish, or Protestant. Ben was also a devoted husband to Shirley for more than fifty years, and a loving father to his son Coleman.

On February 2, 2001, Wisconsin lost one of its greatest citizens, and children lost a friend. I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering this great American and in celebrating his life and his legacy.